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FROM:

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Auditor-Controller

SUBJECT:

STATUS REPORT - REQUEST FOR EXTENSION FOR REVIEW OF

PHYSICIAN INDIGENT CARE REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM (Board Agenda

Item 17, February 16, 2010)

At the February 16, 2010 meeting, your Board instructed the Auditor-Controller, in consultation with various departments, including County Counsel, the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Commission, the Hospitals and Health Care Delivery Commission and the Physician Reimbursement Advisory Committee, to review the Physician Indigent Care Reimbursement Program (PSIP) and submit a progress report in 90 days.

We have completed our review. However, one of the commissions has requested that we wait to issue our report until after the commission's next meeting in November 2010, so that the commission can review and discuss our draft report. As a result, we expect to issue our report to your Board no later than December 15, 2010.

Please call me if you have any questions, or your staff may contact Jim Schneiderman at (213) 253-0101.

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